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## Contest kickoff

The B&B Blues Band performs during a concert to announce the Road to Kitchener Bluesfest Youth Camp Contest at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavillion on Thursday, Apr. 28 in Haliburton. See more photos on page 14. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

# Support welcomed with outbreak at Gardens of Haliburton

*Six residents and two staff test positive, but experience mild symptoms, or none*

**DARREN LUM**

Editor

The Gardens of Haliburton is operating with outbreak protocols outlined by

the ministry of health since April 27 since eight people tested positive for COVID-19.

The Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Unit (HKPRDU) declared the outbreak, which includes six residents and

two staff, who are asymptomatic or with mild symptoms.

Gardens of Haliburton, general manager Selena Lynne Eastman said Gardens' protocol is that any residents who test positive are isolated immediately with the

onset of symptoms or when testing positive following the most up to date direction set out by the ministry of health.

"The Gardens was already maintain-

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# Gardens adheres to measures to reduce transmission

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ing important IPAC (Infection Prevention and Control) measures but continues to heighten our already rigorous precautions through conducting daily risk assessments and audits. Enhanced disinfecting is well underway and will continue through the course of the pandemic," she wrote in an email.

The residence has now suspended all group activities, communal dining, and the general public is not permitted access.

She added that all of the residents have been offered a fourth dose booster in collaboration with Haliburton Highlands Health Services' IPAC team in late-March.

There are 96 per cent of the residence's population who have received their fourth vaccination dose and 100 per cent for third dose recipients.

HKPR's communication officer, Bill Eekhof said the health unit is working closely with the Gardens of Haliburton since the outbreak was declared.

"While each outbreak is unique, the overriding goal is to help control and reduce the spread of the virus in the facility. Outbreak response measures typically include: regular testing of staff and residents, isolating/cohorting of residents, active screening for COVID-19 symptoms, limiting or restricting communal activities, putting in place visitor restrictions, limiting/restricting new admissions and limiting/restricting client absences. These are in addition to routine COVID-19 prevention measures such as mask use, physical distancing, vaccination, PPE use and regular cleaning/disinfecting," he wrote in an email. "Testing recommendations can vary during an outbreak by facility, and are based on such factors as symptoms, contact tracing results and evidence of ongoing transmission. Isolation of residents is based on numerous factors including: symptoms, exposure risk level, vaccine status and a recent history of COVID infection in the past 90 days."

Eekhof said current provincial guidelines for declaring a COVID-19 outbreak at long-term care homes and retirement homes is made when there are "two or more residents and/or staff/other visitors in a home that test positive for the virus through a PCR test, positive molecular test or rapid antigen test and there is an epidemiological link within a 10-day period. This means there is



The Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Unit declared an outbreak on Wednesday, April 27, at the Gardens of Haliburton. There are six residents and two staff, who are asymptomatic or with mild symptoms after testing positive with COVID-19. /FILE DARREN LUM Staff

reasonable evidence of transmission between the affected individuals and a risk of COVID-19 being spread to residents in the home."

Outbreaks can also be made after a health unit investigation, Eekhof added.

Eastman said the support from the community has been welcomed during this outbreak.

"Our Gardens Team is phenomenal and have been

working very hard to navigate the outbreak and stop the spread of the virus. The unwavering guidance and support we have received from HKPR and our local HHHS IPAC team has been astounding through this whole pandemic since we opened last May and continues through this time of need."

## Dysart open to encourage future housing developments

DARREN LUM

Editor

The multi-unit dwelling by Hot Pond Enterprises Corporation is poised to move forward after a discussion by Dysart et al councillors was held about fee rebate incentives for its development with for 18 units, six of which will be affordable and located at Maple Avenue and Victoria Street in Haliburton. It's expected to be built over two phases.

This came up at a discussion followed by the presentation made by the director of planning and land information, Jeff Iles as part of a report received from the County of Haliburton Affordable Housing Target Program Steering Committee at the regular council meeting on Tuesday, April 26.

After a March 23 county meeting where Deputy Mayor Pat Kennedy helped highlight the county's responsibility with housing, Haliburton County will assume responsibility to cover the pre-consultation fee and rent supplement, and providing the offsetting funds from the county's housing reserve fund to cover the requested sewer connection fees specific to the affordable units. It will save Dysart close to an estimated \$48,000.

"We were successful in getting that through so that's a nice reduction to the taxpayers of Dysart, even though we're

still paying indirectly because we pay the largest portion to the county as well, but it is a little value," he said.

"They're going to actually pay real money to Dysart for the ERU [Equivalent Residential Unit] hookups for the affordable housing. That's a huge step and we'll likely have more of these to come so that's big and keep in mind we do have a reserve," Mayor Andrea Roberts said.

She added there is a total of \$20,000 in economic development/housing initiatives, which provides the opportunity access funds for the township to get back after waiving the fees.

In response to Ward 4 Councillor John Smith's question for clarity about the prorated fees relative to the affordable units, Roberts said it's a small price to pay for housing.

"It's a drop in the bucket for what this whole project is going to be costing, but it is seen as economic development. That is why I referenced if we want to take it out of that money that we put in as economic development. You know, because we're waiving them, but they are still real costs that we're not replenishing back in our planning and building department. And, honestly, if we don't help developers like this in a very small way ... he's purchased property. He's doing everything else, and having to come up with the capital to build," she said, referring to Hot Pond Enterprises Corporation owner Richard

Carson. "We know that housing is our biggest crisis. Everything else, if you don't have a roof over your head, is gonna fall apart up here and across Ontario, so it's not prorated. Those are the actual fees."

Iles said developments must have a minimum of one-third of the units be affordable to be eligible for a full rebate of fees, as part the Affordable Housing Incentive. He adds Dysart does not have an affordable housing incentive policy, but is being worked on now.

"And given the need for housing in the community, it's a small contribution to that," Iles said.

Kennedy noted this is a county initiative, but he recognized Smith's concerns about future developments. Smith said this could be "opening the door" for other developers who will make a request for rebates without documented standards in place to ensure the township isn't being taken advantage of.

Roberts said this project helps to fulfill an urgent need for housing, which is part of the political mandate for Dysart.

"We have to look at housing for everybody and we have not had a housing project go forward in this term of council, which is really sad. I really thought we'd have had [something before]," Roberts said.

CAO Tamara Wilbee said the recommended incentives outlined and more will be part of a future policy that will

be part of an effort by staff from all four municipalities. There will be future discussion coming forward.

Councillor Walt McKechnie said the waived fees are necessary for the future.

"I look at the big picture here, not the \$10,000 worth that we're giving them or whatever. The big picture is the tax revenue over how many years people being in town, creating more economy. I mean, kind of get the blinders off here. Our community needs some housing. You've said it many times [Andrea Roberts] and we all know that. So, I mean, to me, what we're giving way is not the farm," he said.

Ward 2 Councillor Larry Clarke said affordable housing is part of the township's Strategic Plan.

"The idea of subsidizing these ones to do a third of their properties [as affordable] is great if this is what we need to get this community growing," he said.

He said initiatives like these for affordable housing, multi-unit housing, or smaller housing, or something to fulfill what is outlined by the Strategic Plan is needed.

"It's the only way our community is going to be sustainable," he said.

Council moved to receive being subject to the completion of such necessary bylaws and agreements and the successful completion of such planning and development process as may be required.



# HHSS hosts week-long fundraiser, Support Ukraine Week

DARREN LUM

Editor

High school students are opening their arms, embracing the mindset to help Ukraine with a series of fundraising activities this week, with money donated to the Red Cross Canada.

Yesterday (May 2), the event started with a bake sale where sales contributed to the cause, followed with Floral Day when students will be encouraged wear florals and there is a floral crown making session on Tuesday, Yellow Day when everyone is encouraged to wear yellow and live music will be performed at lunch on Wednesday, Blue Day when everyone wears blue and a dramatic presentation is made on Thursday, and Jersey Day, which included everyone encouraged to wear a sports jersey, a barbecue and teachers following through on wagers for money raised on Friday.

The idea for this effort to raise money for the Red Cross to benefit people in Ukraine, which started on Monday with a public bake sale, was from a "brainstorming session" held for Leadership Class students and members of the school's Interact Team, who have since received

additional help from other classes and organizations.

Interact president Cassidy McMullen-Szpik said this week is about raising awareness as much as it is about money.

"Firstly, the importance of this week for Interact is to bring awareness to what is actually happening in Ukraine, the importance of supporting Ukraine in this time of crisis, Ukraine's culture as a country and the importance to indulge in other cultures than your own," she wrote in an email. "As a student of HHSS and a citizen of Haliburton Highlands this week is important to me because even being a small community it shows how strong we are and how together, as a team, we can raise awareness to something much bigger than us."

She adds the main point of the week was to recognize the tragedy that is taking place in Europe

"It may not be affecting us as students, teachers, or community members individually, however, people all over the world, in our community, and in our schools are being affected," she wrote.

Although the bake sale was the only event open to the public, community members can donate to the Red Cross online via our HHSS website, she added.

HHSS teacher and the club's faculty advisor Christine

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*For me, it's important that students learn they can take on whatever they would like and work to make a difference in the world.”*

— HHSS teacher, Christine Carr

Carr said this is about empowering the students.

"For me, it's important that students learn they can take on whatever they would like and work to make a difference in the world. Interact's motto is "service above self" and that's what this week is teaching them: how to put the goal of helping others at the forefront and how to become leaders and work to make a difference in causes they care about," she wrote in an email.

## Outbreak at in-patient department of the Haliburton Hospital

Three confirmed patient cases were confirmed yesterday (April 28) at the in-patient department of the Haliburton Hospital by the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit (HKPRDHU).

All three are asymptomatic and a COVID-19 outbreak was declared.

As a result of the outbreak, all in-patient department patients have been isolated. The department is also now closed to any further admissions, and visitors are limited to only those receiving end-of-life care. Volunteers are restricted from entering the in-patient department at this time.

Although Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) was already maintaining important Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) measures, including mandatory masking in all patient care areas, mandatory vaccination, regular surveillance testing, and active screening before entry into all facilities, enhanced cleaning will now be conducted in the in-patient department and staff will monitor themselves for symptoms. "We know that COVID-19 is still circulating in our community," said Carolyn Plummer, president and CEO of HHHS. "HHHS will continue to put the health and safety of our patients, residents, and staff first, through

our rigorous infection prevention and control measures." Services in the emergency department remain unaffected by this outbreak and community members in need of emergency care should not hesitate to seek assistance. HHHS has also been in contact with our neighbouring partner hospitals, including Peterborough Regional Health Centre and Ross Memorial Hospital, in case an admission is needed to an in-patient department.

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## Giving back for youth

Camp Medeba's board's treasurer Amanda Smith holds an air fryer for people to bid on at Medeba's 'Not-So-Silent' Charity Auction on Saturday, April 30 at the camp in West Guilford. With an original target of \$18,000, the fundraising event, which included silent auction and Loonie raffle, exceeded expectations and raised a little more than \$25,000 before calculated expenses. The money helps fund children's programming and activities.  
/DARREN LUM Staff



Rebecca Archibald holds up a water bottle during Medeba's 'Not-So-Silent' Charity Auction.



Camp Medeba's assistant summer camp director Chris Weir bids for an online bidder at Medeba's 'Not-So-Silent' Charity Auction.

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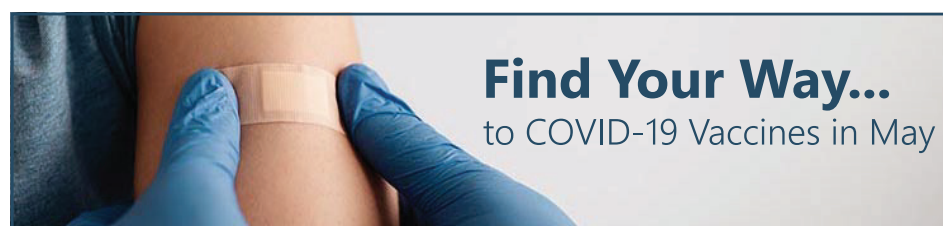
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Camp Medeba executive director Steve Archibald points to a bidder.



Camp Medeba's guest group co-ordinator Heidi Smith laughs while bidding for a jacket, with Laura Elliott laughing along.

# Haliburton Echo earns a second place among Ontario weeklies

The *Haliburton County Echo* and *Minden Times* took home several awards at the Ontario Community Newspaper Association's Better Newspapers Contest on April 29.

A special ceremony was held virtually during the OCNA spring convention last week revealing first, second and third place finishes.

Steve Galea won the humour columnist of the year award. Galea writes weekly humour columns for the *Echo*, *Times*, *County Life* and sister paper, *Bancroft This Week*.

"Excellent columns," wrote the judge. "Very funny and tightly written. Steve knows how to tie in good ledes and well-crafted wraps. I enjoyed reading these."

In its circulation category the *Echo* placed second for general excellence which captures all aspects of the paper from commentary to classifieds, photography to feature stories.

"From Page 1 throughout, the *Haliburton County Echo* is a great newspaper, filled with a solid mix of hard news and feature stories, supplemented by strong photography, engaging opinion pages and quality design," the judges wrote. "Lots of effective, attractive ads complete the package."

Reporter Sue Tiffin won three awards in the premier categories. In the feature writing category, "Leopoldina Dobrzensky remembered as steward of land and local history," won second place; "100 years of Agnew's General Store having what you need," won second place in the heritage category; and "Gerontology student bringing joy through robocats," won third place in the health and wellness category.

The paper also received an honourable mention for Welcome to Haliburton County 2021 in the Best Vertical Product category.

The *Echo's* sister paper, the *Minden Times*, won second in the editorial category with former editor Chad Ingram's "On conversion therapy" about Bill C-6.

"Well-written and developed," said the judge. "Good use of examples. Good background inclusion as part of your editorial development. This editorial rated highly on my first evaluation, but it stuck in my head. In the end, it was elevated because it did what editorials are

supposed to make you do: think about the topic."

Kim Wark, longtime *Times* cartoonist, placed third in the OCNA's Cartoonist of the Year competition for Kwarky, her weekly creative contribution to the editorial pages.

*Times* photographer/reporter Darren Lum won a second place plaque in the best feature photo competition for "Backyard igloo provides positive shelter in Carnarvon," a photo of a mom creating an igloo in her backyard during pandemic isolation.

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**Symptom relief**

Changes to testing guidelines for school-age children lessens pressure on parents, health workers

**SUE TIFFIN**  
Staff Reporter

"Thank goodness guidelines have changed, easier on families for sure," said Dr. Norm Butten after the provincial government updated screening protocols for children last week, amending a COVID-19 screening policy to focus on a shorter list of symptoms than before for kids attending childcare or school.

Prior to the Oct. 11 announcement, the self-assessment tool listed about 17 symptoms and said if your child has one of these symptoms or symptoms appear during the school day," said Susan Fagan, Tillamook Lakeside District School Board communications. "Now, the updated Ministry of Health's Ontario COVID-19 self-assessment tool for children in school has two sets of questions about symptoms that may yield different results—depending on which symptoms are selected. The symptom list also no longer includes abdominal pain or pink eye.

Ensuring that children can attend school with minimal interruption is an important part of their healthy growth

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**View from the top**

Katy and Clay Bryant enjoy the changing leaves from the vantage point of the Cootes Paradise trail over the water. The couple brought their doggie to the Haliburton Highlands for a weekend getaway. JANA BRYANT Special to the Echo

**Santa Claus Parade on hiatus for 2020**

**JENNY WATT**  
Editor

Santa will still come to Haliburton this year, but just like everything else during the coronavirus pandemic, the way he does so will look different.

On Tuesday, Sept. 29, the Haliburton BIA and the Haliburton and District Lions Club announced that the Santa Claus Parade would not be happening in Haliburton Village in 2020, though plans are in the works to bring St. Nick to the kids in another way.

"We just felt it was time that we had to pull the plug on it," said Jim Frost, an organizer with the Lions Club. "We had planned and prepared the event at a reduced level to begin the year might be able to have a lovely 'small town parade'."

"We are disappointed to have to cancel our Santa Claus parade for 2020," he wrote in an email to the Echo. "We had planned and prepared the event at a reduced level to begin the year might be able to have a lovely 'small town parade'."

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**Leopoldina Dobrzensky remembered as steward of land and local history**

**SUE TIFFIN**  
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

A decade or so ago, Leopoldina Dobrzensky told Julia Robertson that she had found a timber signed by Robert Ferguson, the son of the man who had been the steward of the land and of this community's history, died at the age of 94.

Born in 1926 to the Lobkowicz family, one of Europe's oldest, most illustrious families in what was then Czechoslovakia, Dobrzensky's family, raised alongside three sisters by her mother after her father's passing, survived the horrors of the German occupation of their country during the Second World War, only to then face the Soviet Union and a country under Communist rule. Dobrzensky, by that time married to her husband Jenda, with two kids, and five months pregnant, fled the country hidden with her family in a box that had been dashed with an axe in several places to create breathing holes and covered with gravel, as refugees with nothing but the clothes on their backs.

"Like sardines, Jenda, the two children and I crowded inside, my big tummy was directly on the floor," wrote Dobrzensky in her memoir. "We covered the sleeping children's mouths with our hands, hoping that they would not start to cry."

It was raining heavily when the truck started on its journey over the rough roads, Dobrzensky wrote.

One of the things that deeply admired about her was the way she was able to make the transition," said Perkins, who said that Dobrzensky believed her family's background meant she always had a strong tie to her family's past, a sense of history and to be a steward of that from one generation to the next.

"So she was imbued by a sense of family and what it meant," said Perkins. "But not in an ostentatious way—it

Leopoldina Dobrzensky pictured at the opening ceremony of the Barnum Creek Nature Reserve - last October. JANA BRYANT Staff

Sue Tiffin earned second for her in the feature writing category.

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**points of view**

**The last straw**

JUST THIS morning, I noticed that Jenn had placed four pen-coated metallic tubes in the dish rack. Each was about six inches long and almost straw-like.

Needless to say, I was overjoyed.

"Where did you get the mini-blows?" I asked.

"What? Not? They are not blowguns? They are straws?" she said. "Straws, I tell you!"

"Oh, ah... sure..." I winked.

But, of course, she wasn't fooling me. I know a blowgun when I see it.

And just to prove it, I loaded a round toothpick in its chamber and pierced a paper bag at the far end of the kitchen.

Then I asked what was, I think you will agree, a very reasonable question, considering the circumstances.

Did you happen to get any fast-acting poisons to tip your dart with?" I queried.

"Poison?" she said.

"Yes, I'm thinking curare," I said. "That's the traditional blowgun poison, right?"

"No, I did not get any curare!" she said adamantly.

"It's OK, you got the blowguns; that's the main thing," I replied.

But just as I was about to go online and order a vital or two of curare from Amazon, Jenn repeated her message once again.

"These are not blowguns," she insisted. "They are straws!"

That's when I realized what was going on.

"Look," I said. "Don't be embarrassed. You made a perfectly forgivable mistake. Blowguns, especially the small, concealable kind, look exactly like straws."

"Steve," she said. "Read my tips. These are reusable straws. Nothing more."

"You expect me to believe that?" I said. Then, to prove my point, I put the "straw" in my mouth and released a deep and sudden exhale, that propelled another toothpick dart at a fly on the wall, just barely missing it.

I would have launched another dart but Jenn raced over and shook the product package in my face. Sure enough, they were labelled as "straws."

This naturally led me to ask, "Why would anyone buy these?"

"Because they are reusable," she said.

**Loon Tales**

**steve galea**

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**pic of the past**

**M**ervin Harrison joined the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in 1944 at the Battle of Antwerp. He is buried at Bellefleur, Haliburton. He was the son of Norman and Velma Harrison of Maple Lake. Photo originally submitted by Buck Harrison and printed in the Oct. 6, 2009 edition of the *Haliburton Echo*.

**Finding fun as cool weather arrives**

We asked readers on Facebook: Now that days are getting shorter, what are you and your family doing for fun?

**Dal Wanfel**  
Play tag (Neighbourhood) walking (see the colour and moss on rock/trees), ball/acro/pine cone hunting.

**Pat Barry**  
Puzzles, reading, baking listening to music and knitting.

**show /lots of fun with my daughter.**

Steve Galea won the humour columnist of the year.

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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

## Practice patience, exhibit compassion

**W**HEN I see a pickup truck deliberately run up and down Highland Street, spewing black diesel fumes in the air, I shake my head in disbelief. What kind of attention-seeking person does this?

While some, like this driver, choose to seek the attention of others with aggressive and disruptive behaviour, there are others doing work with little to no recognition for the extra efforts that make our community and communities across the province and this country function. These are the unsung heroes, who put themselves out there to make the world a better place.

It's something I have thought about in light of last week's Volunteer Week, or the political candidates information session where 55 people attended, interested in making a difference for all four of the respective municipalities. Who knows? Some of them could be potentially at the start of a political legacy, worthy of note. Love, hate or show indifference to politicians, it's still important to acknowledge their service for a position that is integral to decisions related to our municipalities. Municipal politics is a thankless job – no post-political career board appointments to serve on a large multi-million dollar earning company following their time.

It's well-known our community depends on volunteers to help bridge the gaps that exist for low income earners when government subsidies and programming doesn't meet needs. Volunteers are there delivering the patients to cancer treatments, the meals to retirees, comfort to those in need, or are making connections for those that depend on social interaction. They are there helping with ensuring our public spaces and beautiful settings are a place for the public to embrace such as the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, who are adding eight benches (four stone and four log creations) thanks to the donation of the Rotary Club of Haliburton. Service above self is the Rotary clubs' motto. It's fitting for the attitude adopted by many in this community. Just like

another volunteer organization, the Haliburton and District Lions Club whose motto is Kindness Matters. The sentiment behind both are at the backbone of what drives volunteers, and it makes this community worth being proud of ... even with the odd person that doesn't contribute to making this place better.

We're all familiar with supply shortages during this ongoing pandemic. Speak to enough people, representing a variety of industries and it's clear there are also labour shortages, which is correlated to not just being unable to fulfill positions with willing and capable employees, but also to the continuing challenges for housing and the pandemic.

Scanning the headlines online over the weekend, there were many days of recognition on May 1. There was the National Physicians' Day, National Principal's Day and the International Workers' Day. These days are a reminder to recognize specific people in the workforce, but I believe it also serves as a reminder to remember everyone that is struggling to meet demands in areas such as education, the trades, hospitality and tourism, or in health care.

There is concern to fill summer positions. There are healthcare professionals working more. There are teachers on the sidelines and at the courts, coaching. Owners are stepping in where staff members would have worked. There are construction companies booked for the next two years. It feels like everyone is working harder.

It's been said before, but it needs to be repeated:

Let's practice some patience and understanding for the overworked and over-stressed. We've all lost something during this pandemic. Let's not make it worse for others, who could be going through something more than what we can imagine, simply evaluating what they are doing for us, whether it's in a retail store or in the hospital or long-term care facility.



darren lum

## Editorial



In the right light

by Darren Lum

## Changing the channel

**W**HEN JIM awoke, he had a bad feeling. It was almost a dread, but, of what, he couldn't say. So he lay there in bed, trying to figure out what might be causing this trepidation. Perhaps, he thought, it was the time of year. Spring was a wonderful season for most people. Trees budding. Birds returning. Rhubarb peeking. But it was different for Jim. A heavy season of work appeared on his horizon and it would continue until mid-October.

Jim was a handyman, and he was constantly being called on by seasonal residents. Whether it was starting up water systems, mending water lines, replacing deck boards or shingling porches: Jim was your man. Small jobs were his territory and his customers loved him for it. He knew the big contractors had neither the time nor the inclination to do the little tasks that still needed doing.

He didn't have to advertise his skills. Word got around pretty fast once the repair season began and Jim could be busy eight days a week if he didn't know when to put on the brakes. Put on the brakes. Yes, that described the feeling he would get when there were too many people calling him and not enough hours in the day. He learned how to say, no. It wasn't easy for a man who liked to help, to accommodate, to feel the appreciation of those in need of his skills.

So was that the problem, he asked himself, finally pulling out from under the sheets and heading to the kitchen for that essential first cup of coffee. Imagine springtime being a problem, he chuckled, looking out the window. The sun had just started to peek over the hill behind his house and despite himself, that golden glow lifted his spirits.

Jim already had a list of tasks to finish before the May long weekend. But he told himself they'd all get done, even if right now he sat down with a coffee and watched those first, soft

moments as the world came alive once more. And finally that was what he decided to focus on. The world coming alive as it did every morning.

He opened the patio door and heard the song birds calling out for mates. Robins hopped about the yard and the crows shouted from atop the pines. Morning light warmed the still-bare branches on the birch and maples and a very pregnant doe picked her way past the wood shed. New life stirred everywhere.

In the midst of such tranquil beauty, what right did he have to feel anything but peace and happiness? However, Jim was wise enough to know

that feelings were what they were and didn't have anything to do with rights or reason. Perhaps, he thought, his negative state had nothing to do with all the chores listed on his frig door. It was something else. And as soon as he turned on the radio he knew what it was.

The news. Death, disease, destruction. Economic collapse, environmental degradation and genocide. He turned it off and instead, looked

once again outside. Jim looked at the trees, the birds, the deer and the dawn light. This was his world, he reminded himself. It was not the whole world, but right now, it was his. There was very little he could do about that other world, the one he heard reported every day.

Finishing his coffee, he took the list down from the fridge and studied it. He would do the first three jobs today. That should take him to mid-afternoon. Then he'll drop by his neighbour Monika's and see if she was up for a game of cribbage after supper. There was always a lot of laughs when they played. They had known each other since they were children and Monika knew how the world sometimes pulled Jim down. But like the world outside his house this morning, she always helped lift his spirits. And there would be no talk of the news.

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# points of view

## The hardest column

ON FRIDAY, I was awarded the Ontario Community Newspaper Association's Humour Columnist of the Year award. The only good news here is that it wasn't awarded posthumously.

I know, you probably think getting this award should be a wonderful thing. But, as we all have learned from the recent Oscar's, awards can have disastrous repercussions.

For instance, because of that award, this column has to be really funny.

You see, after you win an award like this, there is a lot of pressure to do just that. That's because, the minute you win, you have raised the bar. But, between you and me, the only time I have ever wanted to raise a bar was in a limbo competition.

Nothing good ever came from raising the bar, especially for short people who need a stiff drink.

Bar raising is, in fact, the exact opposite of what I have been trying to accomplish all these years. You see, I have

tried with each and every column, to lower the bar so much that whatever I write will cause a reader to say, "Well, at least it wasn't as bad as last week."

Nevertheless, here we are.

I can only surmise that the other columnists I was up against were trying to do the very same thing – and did it better.

Do I like winning awards? Yes, I do.

The problem here is that the OCNH Humour Columnist of the Year Award isn't the kind

of award that people clamour to be around and get their photos taken with. It is no Stanley Cup.

That means there are no ticker-tape parades or tooth parts in it. Nor does winning this award ensure you get you a comically sized key to the town. (Which would only make sense.)

At best, people who see it ask you questions like, "Did you buy that on Amazon?" Or "Were you the only one who entered?"

On the other hand, just try to carry your Humour Columnist of the Year Award around town and see what that gets you. It's like walking into a new town with the reputation of being the fastest gun in the West.

People are suspicious of you and step out of your way. Meanwhile, all you just want to do is mind your own business and have a good meal, a hot bath, and a sarsaparilla. But before you even get that far some young pun-fighter looking to make a name for himself will call you out. Most times with a knock-knock joke.

Then, they'll try to draw on you. And unless you draw quicker, it will be you having your eyebrows turned into a monobrow by way of Sharpie.

Yes, being Humour Columnist of the Year, means you always have to watch your back – mostly for "kick me!" signs.

It's no way to live.

You always have to be quick with a joke. Or to light up a smoke. But there's some place that you'd rather be. Also, you cannot plagiarize, or people immediately pick up on it.

So let me be clear. I don't want trouble. I'm still the same guy you always knew.

I just want to be able to walk down the streets of this town without having to say anything clever. Jenn says I shouldn't worry about it. She says no one expects any different.



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Loon Tales



## pic of the past

The mill yard at the International Cooperage, which was located in Eagle Lake, 1950. Garnet Paull is shown with a team of Belgian horses, getting ready to skid logs, which would be processed to become barrel heads. Submitted by Haliburton Highlands Museum's Steve Hill, which was made possible by a donation by Bill Fry of Eagle Lake whose father Lorne Fry worked at the International Cooperage in Eagle Lake.

## HHHS responds to community concerns about emergency department status

In response to concerns heard through the community, Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) shared today that no decision has been made about which emergency department might need to close or reduce services as a result of staffing shortages. As well, no target date has been set for an emergency department closure or service reduction.

Since first announcing the impact of staffing shortages on HHHS in November 2021, the organization has been hard at work to keep both emergency departments open, while exploring options and alternatives.

This includes:

- Accessing provincial programs to fund recruitment of internationally-educated nurses and nursing students, and working with Ontario Health to identify other recruitment strategies
- Engaging in virtual career fairs to attract nursing students and new graduates
- Enhancing the organization's social media presence
- Hiring a dedicated recruiter to work on other recruitment activities
- Meeting with local municipal leaders to identify possible collaborations and ways to support recruitment and current staff/physician retention.
- Collaborating with the Haliburton County Physician Recruitment Coordinator
- Focusing on retention by supporting edu-

cation opportunities for current staff, expanding scopes of practice, upgrading and expanding technology, engaging with staff to improve practices, creating a professional practice leader/educator role to support the onboarding of new staff and professional development of our current team, and supporting the work of the staff Wellness Committee and their efforts to address stress, burnout, and well-being.

"The fact that both emergency departments have remained open so far is a testament to the incredible dedication and commitment shown by our local teams, as well as the staffing support we have received from agency nursing staff and HealthForce Ontario Emergency Department Locum Program physicians" said Carolyn Plummer, President and CEO of HHHS. "Though this is a very challenging situation to manage, HHHS will remain focused on our mandate of delivering essential, high-quality health services to the residents, cottagers, and visitors of Haliburton County and the surrounding area."

HHHS will continue to communicate with the community directly about the staffing situation in the emergency departments.

-Submitted

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# Cooperation yields clarity on service delivery

DARREN LUM

Editor

*The following are news briefs from the Highlands East special meeting of council on April 19, held virtually.*

After several months of collaboration, Highlands East staff presented the consolidated planning fees for Zoning Bylaw Amendments and Official Plan Amendments in line with all four of the municipalities, which included a standardized notice format, harmonized planning fees, and continuing work on streamlining of consent preconsultation.

It was the result of several months of work, which came from the working group planning staff from all four municipalities and Haliburton County, including the chief administrative officers, as led by Algonquin Highlands CAO Angie Bird. This comes after recommendations outlined by StrategyCorp in a service delivery review, as provided to Haliburton County on Nov. 25, 2020.

During junior planner Kim Roberts' presentation on the service delivery review – consolidated planning fees for Zoning Bylaw Amendments and Official Plan Amendments, she said, "fee harmonization" is expected to help with simplifying and reducing the confusion for residents, contractors and developers.

"And many fees are not truly covering costs and an increase in fees could improve cost recovery for planning ser-

vices," she said.

From a recommendation by StrategyCorp, staff looked at taking the highest municipal fee and using that as a basis for the harmonized fee schedule. Roberts said there were two challenges with this approach because municipalities charge fees in different ways.

"While some charge a flat fee, Highlands East charges municipal administration fee and a deposit. Some service fees are in place in Highlands East while others don't charge ... And then different municipalities have different development challenges. And this is pretty pertinent to us. So, for example, the municipality of Dysart and Minden Hills have larger centres and they potentially see development proposals more frequently than more rural route municipalities like us," she said.

She said there has been great change in Haliburton County the past five years as far as planning goes. This prompted a reexamination for the fees, and how the fees were charged. Staff looked at other examples of fees in Muskoka, City of Kawartha Lakes, Peterborough County and Northumberland County. The staff looked at consistency as far as charging the same fees and to have the same process for deposits, language used and definitions for applications.

The idea that they came up with was draft fee bylaws for major versus minor applications for zoning Official Plan Amendment and different categories for site plan approvals.

"This is acknowledging that larger or more complex planning proposals take more time and resources ... than the more routine ones we handle. So, rather than a blanket increase to all fees, it makes sense to target a higher fee on those applications where they're ultimately going to require a lot more staff or consultant time," she said.

A flat fee is being proposed to replace the administration, plus a refundable deposit.

"We think it'll better capture staff time in-house and decrease the admin burden on our already [busy] finance staff," she said.

Unless it is legal or peer review deposits for professional services, the general processing will be covered by a flat fee.

She noted how none of the 36 zoning bylaw amendments in 2021 would qualify as a major zoning and there weren't any official plan amendment applications either. Fees for minor zoning bylaw amendment and official plan amendment fees remain the same.

"So, the increase is only applying to the less commonly seen major applications," she said.

Council accepted the service delivery review and approved the draft planning fees bylaw.

## Lineup your paint cans

The next Household Hazardous Waste Day in Highlands East is scheduled from 10 to 2 p.m. for May 14.

## Mask wearing indoors

Although the mask mandates were lifted for the interior of public buildings in the province, including in Highlands East buildings, the township will be asking people to wear masks indoors since Medical Officer of Health for the Haliburton, Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit Dr. Natalie Bocking recommendations for mask wearing to reduce the chance for transmission of COVID-19 said Shannon Hunter.

After Deputy Mayor Cec Ryall asked to confirm if the public will be asked to wear masks, CAO Shannon Hunter said, yes, and that barriers for staff will remain up and the public will not be permitted past. All staff will be masked. She adds if anyone comes into a meeting at the board room masks will be required.

## Let your fingers do the voting

This upcoming municipal election on Monday, Oct. 24 Highlands East residents can vote by either phone or on the inter-

net. This concept provides more options for people to vote.

## Municipal land policy, first draft

Junior planner Kim Roberts provided a report to council about the first draft of a land policy to update the existing policy (2007-0053) on shoreline road allowances. There are three application types: access road or driveway; encroachments onto road allowances or municipal land not abutting water; and shoreline encroachments.

Roberts said the new policy is to essentially update and incorporate that policy, which will clarify requirements and provide policy direction to the public and staff on the use of shoreline road allowances. However, this new policy will also apply to scenarios where a person is seeking access for example, to the IB&O Trail – things that are not "road allowances."

Other issues that the municipality needed to address was the complaints or issues related to docks on land across from municipal roads.

"Without a policy in place, we're making all these decisions kind of on an ad hoc basis. So, what we're really looking to do in putting in this policy is kind of codifying what we require while providing council room to have discretion, if they want to require more or require less depending on the application they receive," she said. "So, the goal of the policy is to provide direction to staff and the public as far as the kind of the requirements and expectations in using municipal land and on open road allowances for legal access and to deal with encroachments to protect the public interest and access to public or municipal land and to ensure that private individuals are kind of blocking public access or use," she said.

The old policy did not require public consultation or notification when a requests were received by the municipality for road allowances or municipal land.

"So, we've included a consultation strategy in the policy, which provides a notice kind of depending on how you're planning on using it. For example, for access use, the notice would go to the adjacent landowners of the road allowance for an encroachment notice will be sent to landowners within a 60 metres of the encroachment ... comments or concerns could be provided to council, but ultimately council's decision on the agreement is final and there's no kind of an appeal mechanism," she said.

Staff were directed to present a bylaw at council's next meeting for consideration.

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# Highlands East welcomes hybrid meetings

*In-person meetings return, but virtual option will continue for meetings*

**DARREN LUM**

Editor

The Municipality of Highlands East is providing an electronic option for people interested in attending council meetings wherever they may be.

With an amendment to the procedural bylaw and the adoption of Bill 197, all meetings will be in the “hybrid” format, which means meetings will be conducted in-person and with the virtual option, which is broadcasted through by Zoom and available to view on Youtube during the pandemic.

With Bill 187 being introduced at the start of the pandemic, virtual attendance was accepted and considered quorum - the minimum number of members of an assembly or society that must be present at any of its meetings to make the proceedings of that meeting valid. The evolution of Bill 187 is Bill 197, which was approved by Royal Assent on July 21 2020.

“That’s taking it a bit further. That if you have it in your procedural bylaw that you can continue on with electronic participation and [with] the live-streaming, of course. [This was adopted by] a lot of municipalities ... [It’s important so we] have that transparency and accountability aspect there,” Highlands East clerk Robyn Rogers said.

Rogers said the hybrid model not only provides seasonal residents a method to attend meetings, but it also ensures access

to residents with long-term illnesses, or who have mobility issues, or who are on parental leave, which was approved for council members.

“And I think as we look at it, it’s just a progression. It’s being proactive. You know, we’ve provided this to our public, are residents for the last two years. And I don’t think we can revert [to before the pandemic]. I guess what I’m saying because people come and they’ve relied on this now, to be able to click a button to see our council meetings and take part at a distance as well,” she said.

The way the township will implement is expected to model what is happening elsewhere, so expect it to go “slow and steady,” Rogers said.

This policy will apply to everyone, which includes council members, staff and the public.

Electronic attendance must be declared at least 24 hours before and cannot be decided on a whim by councillors. Delegations will still need to pre-register to present to council.

The in-person attendance is at the discretion of the mayor, clerk and the CEO, Rogers points out.

“We’re going to be looking at each specific circumstance that comes up with respect to how the participation is going to work,” she said. “The main goal here is to have quorum for the meeting, and to allow whoever that wants to participate in the meeting to be able to participate, whether it’s in-person or currently electronic.”

CEO Shannon Hunter said there is a

challenge with the current council chambers as far as adherence to pandemic measures to reduce transmission of COVID-19.

“We’re now between a rock and a hard spot because we’ve been requested that anyone that [is] indoors and you can’t keep a six foot distance to mask up. So, with our setup, we’re proceeding to setup that meeting in-person, but while we’re in the sixth wave when we’re sitting at council table, if we’re all there, we cannot keep our six-foot separation from one another. So we would have to wear masks,” Hunter said.

Mayor Dave Burton asked if there could be a six month trial for this hybrid model and Rogers said, yes, because it is “an evolving policy” and that changes could be needed.

Deputy Mayor Cec Ryall said this option will be great for staff, who are not able to attend the in-person for work or are out of the municipality.

“Allowing them that option is the right thing to do,” he said.

Council is preparing to have an in-person meeting in May, but with just council members, CEO and the clerk while everyone else will attend electronically.



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# Council information session encourages involvement

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Staff Reporter

There were 55 committed citizens that took the first step in leading the Highlands to a new future.

The importance of being involved in community council was highlighted at the So You Want to Run for Council information session for potential candidates on Tuesday, Apr. 26 at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129 in Haliburton. With 20 people in attendance in-person and 35 online, many new faces were present and eager to learn about the workings of municipal council and how they can be helpful in their community.

"[Council information sessions] like these are great because sometimes people think democracy ends with voting every four years," said Township of Minden Hills Ward 2 Councillor Pam Sayne. "We need to get rid of that idea and get people more involved and aware of the roles and responsibilities of local council."

The hour-and-a-half long session was presented by Fred Dean, municipal coach, former Sudbury City solicitor, and facilitator for the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

"Council represents the public. Members of council are out in the community bringing the concerns of people in the community to the council table," Dean said. "It's a wonderful place to be. Councils in any ten minutes can be really rewarding, sometimes frustrating, and great fun."

The information session began with a discussion about the role of local governments. This was followed by the principles of municipal government, roles and responsibilities of all members of council, and personal considerations such as more demands of time than expected, which strains family life to take on when contemplating a role in municipal council.

Both Sayne and Municipality of Dysart et al Ward 4 Councillor John Smith said that the candidate session was informative even as experienced members.

"It is a good refresher on the profession, and the discussions give you a sense about what's on people's minds," Smith said.

Sayne, in her eighth year as a councillor in Minden Hills, said that she will



Attendees of the municipal council candidate information session So You Want to Run for Council listen to municipal coach and former municipal solicitor, Fred Dean, present on Apr. 26 at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129 in Haliburton. The session provided information to those interested in running for municipal council at this year's upcoming election.



Left, Fred Dean, municipal coach and former municipal solicitor, speaks at the municipal council candidate information session.

likely run for a third term. Smith has not yet decided, as the candidate nomination period began May 2 and ends Aug. 19 at 2 p.m.

During a question period at the end of

the session, Dean was asked about what members of the public can do if they would like to help the community but not run for council.

"In terms of getting involved in the

municipal structure, you can join some of the local boards. There are also community groups that are active all the time. If you get yourself involved in those, you'll begin to see the workings of government that way," he said.

He urged anyone interested to contact their municipal clerk to find out about other specific ways to get involved in municipal government.

Voting day for the municipal elections of the Township of Minden Hills, Municipality of Dysart et al, the Township of Algonquin Highlands, and the Municipality of Highlands East is on Oct. 24 with advance voting beginning on Oct. 14.

If you missed the information session, you can find a link to the recording of the session here [www.dysartetal.ca/en/municipal-government/2022-municipal-and-school-board-election.aspx](http://www.dysartetal.ca/en/municipal-government/2022-municipal-and-school-board-election.aspx).

## Chamber executive director welcomes challenge

DARREN LUM

Editor

The new Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce's executive director Robert Gaudette is excited at the opportunity to help local businesses move forward.

"I think it's an interesting time to come in because I think everybody's ready to kind of build some momentum and try and find [answers to] what does the world return to? What does business as usual become? I'm excited to be part of that," he said.

The long-time resident of Haliburton County offers the chamber a broad range of skills, with his most recent being in the labour force training and workforce development sectors.

Gaudette said he has a creative profes-

sional background, which includes being an entrepreneur in the technology industry and experience with a non-profit. The chamber position enables him to blend the skills he learned from these industries.

"Where are the areas for innovation that the membership wants, or that we can educate the membership about that maybe hasn't been brought to this community before? [I] want to connect people. There's a lot of funding and modernization programming coming from the government in terms of digital main street, upscale local labour, things like that," he said. "I'm really plugged into that from my previous role working in skills development for the John Howard Society and then prior to that Dixon Hall [Neighbourhood Services] ... I think I want to be able to provide those resources and be able to break it down. Save business owners a lot of time and get past the jargon. You know, if you want to access things like that, you

don't want to read through a 20-page document on a proposal breakdown, and I think I can bring that and fill that gap," he said. "That's what excites me." Among the questions he wants to answer is how has COVID changed what businesses need, which can be from either a regional or local context, specific to Haliburton County.

From the chamber press release, he said, "Local business success is key to a healthy community. Business owners create opportunity, not only for themselves but also for others."

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce new executive director Robert Gaudette. Submitted by the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce.





# Haliburton Home & Cottage Show is back

JERELYN CRADEN

*Special to the Echo*

The highly anticipated Haliburton Home and Cottage Show (HHCS) is back at the Haliburton Curling Club's A.J. LaRue arena for a three-day run -- Friday to Sunday, June 3 to 5 -- after a two-year forced hiatus due to COVID. Started in 1977, today it is considered one of the best home and cottage shows in central Ontario.

"With over 130 vendors, many returning and several new this year, the show is sure to be exciting," said Dave Taylor, HHCS Coordinator since 2017. "We have a whole bunch of new varieties of vendors that we've never had before."

There will be 2,500 to 3,000 visitors, who will venture through the 20,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor everything-home-and-cottage heaven for a \$3 admission (children are free).

"The return of the Haliburton Home Show is a tremendous revenue boost for the community," Taylor said. "We have a lot of vendors who come up and need hotel/motel rooms to stay at during the run. They have meals in local restaurants. They gas-up in Haliburton. And, the visitors get a chance to see a varied number of vendors and businesses. Even our non-profit local groups including Places for People, Haliburton Rotary and Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (among others) get a chance to inform visitors about who they are and what they do."

New this year, RPM Marinas will display boats, ATVs, and some "new toys." Other new vendors include: Power Forward Electric, a full-service electrical contractor specializing in generators and custom home/cottages; Redfern Enterprises, a leading provider of smart home and health products including back and foot massagers and infrared heaters; London Eco-metal, steel and aluminum roofing specialists; and, Deep Roots Adventure that provides skills and tools for individuals/groups to become capable and confident in the wild.

"They're bringing a mechanical horse that they use as a teaching device," Taylor said.

Nortech Home Improvements, specializing in windows, doors, and sunrooms will have an indoor and outdoor display.

"Curry Motors, who has been with us since 1977, will



The Home and Cottage Show returns after a two year suspension related to the pandemic. Curry Motors will return with their showcase of vehicles. /FILE

have cars on display. And, Riverview Furniture always brings a good selection," Taylor said.

Home Hardware, Emmerson Lumber and a long list of other vendors will be back.

Always popular, Unidem, the largest demonstration company in Ontario will be onboard. "With their specialty pots and pans, plus various vibrating devices for the head, neck, and shoulders, they can definitely do cash sales at the show," Taylor said.

Dyanna Dreams, also popular with visitors, returns this year.

"They've been with us for awhile and always bring great products that many people go home with -- bed sheets, blankets, and pillows and more."

For event food, the arena snack bar will be open.

"And the curling club lounge will serve up peameal on a bun, hotdogs, and all kinds of chili dogs and sausages, plus wine, beer and coolers," Taylor said.

"The Haliburton Curling Club will be holding our own

little contest for two high-quality Adirondack chairs," he said.

Manufactured by Leisure Line of high-density polyethylene, the chairs have a 40-year warranty. In addition, several vendors will be holding draws.

"Of course, there's our doggy daycare service which we will offer again at no charge," Taylor said. This will enable visitors to enjoy some peace of mind as they browse the show knowing that their pets are being safely cared for in a protected area outside of the arena.

At present, there is no COVID mandate in place for the show. Mask wearing is up to the individual.

The show starts on Friday, June 3 and will be from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. The next day on Saturday, June 4 it will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and then 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. when it concludes on Sunday June 5. For more information, visit [haliburtonhomeandcottageshow.com](http://haliburtonhomeandcottageshow.com). For vendor information, contact: [halibhomeshow@gmail.com](mailto:halibhomeshow@gmail.com).

## Matt Duchene Classic returns July 22

DARREN LUM

*Editor*

The Matt Duchene Charity Golf Classic to benefit the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation is taking a swing at it again after a two-year forced hiatus due to the pandemic.

Scheduled for July 22 at the Blairhampton Golf Club in Minden, the best-ball format event, which has raised more than \$900,000 for Haliburton and Minden hospitals and healthcare facilities after more than 21 years, will be raising money for new intravenous pumps (helping with deliver fluids, medication, blood and blood products) for the acute care and emergency departments.

Red Hawks alumnus and current Nashville Predators sniper Matt Duchene, who the fundraiser is named after, was looking forward to the return.

"It's great to have the tourney back up and running this year. It's always a great time, and the support we get, and money we raise for Haliburton Highlands Health Services is super important to our community," he wrote in an email.

He expects to golf with friends, but didn't say who will join him yet.

Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation's executive director Lisa Tompkins is excited for the return, particularly how there were other organizations that held golf fundraisers during the pandemic.

"We unfortunately still had to exercise an overabundance of caution. So, it didn't work out that that was the kind of event that we were able to have and also with some of the other restrictions that we have in health care. We're really excited that we can be putting that back in place this summer," she said.

The return of this event has a new venue, with the 18-hole course at the Blairhampton Golf Club.

"It's an opportunity for a bit of a change. Again, we



Flanked by childhood friends Alex Monk-Cray, left, and Ryan Boffum, Matt Duchene watches his chip for the green at the Matt Duchene Charity Golf Classic back in 2019. The event is returning this year after a two year suspension for the pandemic. /FILE DARREN LUM Staff

haven't had the event for a couple of years. So, we've kind of refreshed a number of elements of the tournament, taking it to another great golf course in Haliburton County," Tompkins said.

Tompkins, who adds there is an emphasis on highlighting local suppliers and providers, said the event will include a silent auction, team prizes, hole-in-one holes contests, feature a midday lunch outside, where people

will be sheltered by a tent rather than an in-door end of day dinner in the ball room of the Pinestone Resort.

The event will feature morning and afternoon sessions. Organizers are thankful to generous advertisers, donors, participants, sponsors and volunteers for their ongoing commitment and dedication.

For more information and to register, go to [hhhs.ca/foundation](http://hhhs.ca/foundation) and click on the tournament link.



## Gooderham cleans-up

Volunteers Kim MacAlpine shows the trash she collected during the Gooderham Community Action Group Earth Day Clean up on Saturday, April 23 in Gooderham. After the two-hour effort, there was an entire trailer load of trash collected. Action Group chairperson, Denise Winder said, "Thank you everyone! This event always makes me proud of being a part of the Action Group!" /Submitted by Denise Winder



The volunteers MacAlpine, from left, Michele Mark, and Debbie Rohr were part of a seven-person crew, who came out to pick up trash during the Gooderham Community Action Group Earth Day Clean up on Saturday, April 23 in Gooderham.



Volunteer Michele Mark picks up trash.

# Rotary gift gives support to Land Trust effort to enhance

*Rotary Club of Haliburton covers \$7,000 cost for benches*

DARREN LUM

Editor

The Rotary Club of Haliburton is giving the gift of support with its \$7,000 donation to cover the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust's purchase of eight benches to be installed at the Barnum Creek Nature Reserve and the Dahl Forest later this year.

The project includes four granite benches, which are to be created and installed by McBain Quarries, and four log benches created and installed by Outram Tree Services, with a pair of each being installed at the Dahl Forest and Barnum Creek Nature Reserve. The stone benches are expected to enable two to three adults to sit, measuring close to two metres long (or seven feet long) with a pair of stone bases, with the log benches expected to be slightly smaller. An example of the stone bench is currently on the Haliburton County Rail Trail several kilometres from Haliburton.

The initial ask by the Land Trust was for \$6,200 to purchase and install the benches, but the Rotary Club agreed with adding \$800 to cover the expense of plaques, which will be secured to the benches recognizing land donors Leopoldina Dobrzynsky for the Barnum Creek Nature Reserve and Peggy Dahl for the Dahl Forest.

The Rotary club of Haliburton president Heather Phillips said this donation is consistent with the long-standing relationship between the club and the Land Trust, and with how many of the club's members have enjoyed the properties



The Rotary Club of Haliburton presented Haliburton Highlands Land Trust with a \$7,000 donation on May 2 for benches to be placed in both Barnum Creek Nature Reserve and Dahl Forest. Rotary president Heather Phillips, from left, and members, Mike Landry, Irv Handler, Cynthia Handler and David Zilstra presented the \$7,000 cheque to Haliburton Highlands Land Trust representatives Sheila Ziman, Michelle Coneybeare, and Christel Furniss. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

under the stewardship of the Land Trust.

"Rotary has been a proud supporter of the Land Trust over the years and many of our members use their properties on a regular basis," Phillips said. "The Land Trust plays such an important role in both the conservation of Haliburton County and education for the protection of our lands for future generations. Our club felt that this project was worth supporting.

The benches will provide rest spots along the trails making the trails more user friendly for our seniors and families."

She said credit for this idea is owed to club member Mike Landry, who "was the driving force behind making this project happen."

The Land Trust was invited to the Rotary Club's regular meeting by Landry where they made a presentation for the

benches on April 7, she said.

As stewards of the two nature reserves, the Land Trust is responsible for the maintenance and promotion of these places where the public can embrace nature thanks to the donation of the land for public use by generous residents, Dahl and Dobrzynsky.

Sheila Ziman, who was the lead on this project as co-chair of the Barnum Creek Management Committee with Michele Coneybeare, was "super happy" about the donation.

"We wanted to keep the benches as natural and simple as possible. We really liked the idea of providing a beautiful location to rest from hiking, have a snack or just sit in quiet contemplation," Ziman said.

The Land Trust's presentation included the design, cost and related logistics to the project, which included the collaboration of Dahl Forest Management's chairperson, Joan Duhaime.

Ziman said the hope is to repurpose downed cedar trees from the Barnum Creek property to create the log benches, but this will be determined by Outram Tree Services.

Land Trust chair Shelley Hunt said this donation from Rotary is another example of their community contributions.

"I would just like to applaud Rotary for the amazing work they do to support the community. Having benches available at Barnum Creek and Dahl Forest will make the trails that much more welcoming and enjoyable by giving hikers the opportunity to rest and really soak up the sights, smells and sounds of the nature around them," she said.



Cedar admires his surroundings at his home at Killara Station, located in Gelert before he and five of his relatives arrive at the Barnum Creek Nature Reserve in Haliburton for three weeks in July to clear one hectare of open area. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Above, Walnut, or "Wally," (right) and his relatives are preparing for a trip to Barnum Creek Nature Reserve.

Left, Walnut, or "Wally," smiles for the camera at his home.

## Goat power for a healthy habitat

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Staff Reporter

Barnum Creek Nature Reserve is going with green power in a big way this summer with six healthy four-legged eaters. Relatives Juniper, Maple, Apple, Pear, Cedar, and Walnut (Wally) will be joining the landscape in July.

Haliburton Highlands Land Trust's new initiative, Goats at Work: Natural Conservation in Action, is a pilot-project that will bring these six furry family members from Killara Station in Gelert to Barnum Creek to clear one hectare of land ecologically in replacement of the reserve's tractor.

Board director at Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT), Sheila Ziman, said that cleared areas are essential to providing a thriving ecosystem.

"Open areas are limited in Haliburton County, however, they are very important in providing habitat for those species that like to bask in the sun and forage and nest in fields," Ziman said in an April 26 press release. "Haliburton Highlands Land Trust is committed to keeping this area open to provide habitat for eastern milkshakes and monarch butterflies."

Ziman said that both of these at-risk species have been well-documented at Barnum Creek. Keeping 27 hectares of land clear for these species at the reserve is a top priority, especially if it can be done in an ecological way.

"If we don't keep that field clear, then the surrounding forest will grow, and we will lose that open area completely," Ziman said.

This initiative is made possible through a \$4,000 grant from Haliburton County Development Corporation's Local Initiatives Program, which provides funding to local groups who plan to launch new initiatives to help strengthen the community.

Program and operations coordinator at Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC), Heather Reid said that HHLT's Goats at Work initiative is "a novel concept in terms of community involvement. Their new idea to help our environment as well as support two other local businesses was what helped us decide that they should receive funding."

The goats will be provided by Susan Peel, owner of Killara Station in Lochlin, and they will be enclosed by portable solar-powered electric fencing provided by The Great Haliburton Feed Company

and housed in a horse trailer at night to avoid predators.

"Goats eat everything, and we are confident that they will clear the area as well as a mechanical mower, while providing co-benefits of fertilizing the land and reducing use of fossil fuels," Peel said.

Inventory of all woody plants within the hectare of land will be conducted by Paul Heaven of Glendale Ecological Services before the goats take up residence.

"He will assess the effectiveness of the goats at removing woody plants by determining the percentage consumed and the average height of any woody plants left," Ziman said.

At this time, whether or not goat clearing is more cost-effective than a mechanical mower is unclear. This will be dependent on how long the goats need to stay in the area to clear it, and what percentage of the vegetation is eaten.

If the initiative is successful, HHLT hopes to use goats to clear other areas in the future as well as inspire others to do the same.

HHLT is planning a public educational event "for families and kids to come look at the goats at the reserve and learn about the importance of keeping the area clear in an environmentally-friendly way. It

**"Goats eat everything, and we are confident that they will clear the area as well as a mechanical mower, while providing co-benefits of fertilizing the land and reducing use of fossil fuels."**

— Susan Peel

will be lots of fun," said Ziman.

Although some in the herd are described as being "a bunch of hams" by Peel, they will undoubtedly put their best hoof forward when put to work at Barnum Creek.

Dates will be scheduled early this summer on the HHLT website, [www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca/](http://www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca/). For more information about their Goats at Work initiative, contact Sheila Ziman [sheilaziman@gmail.com](mailto:sheilaziman@gmail.com).



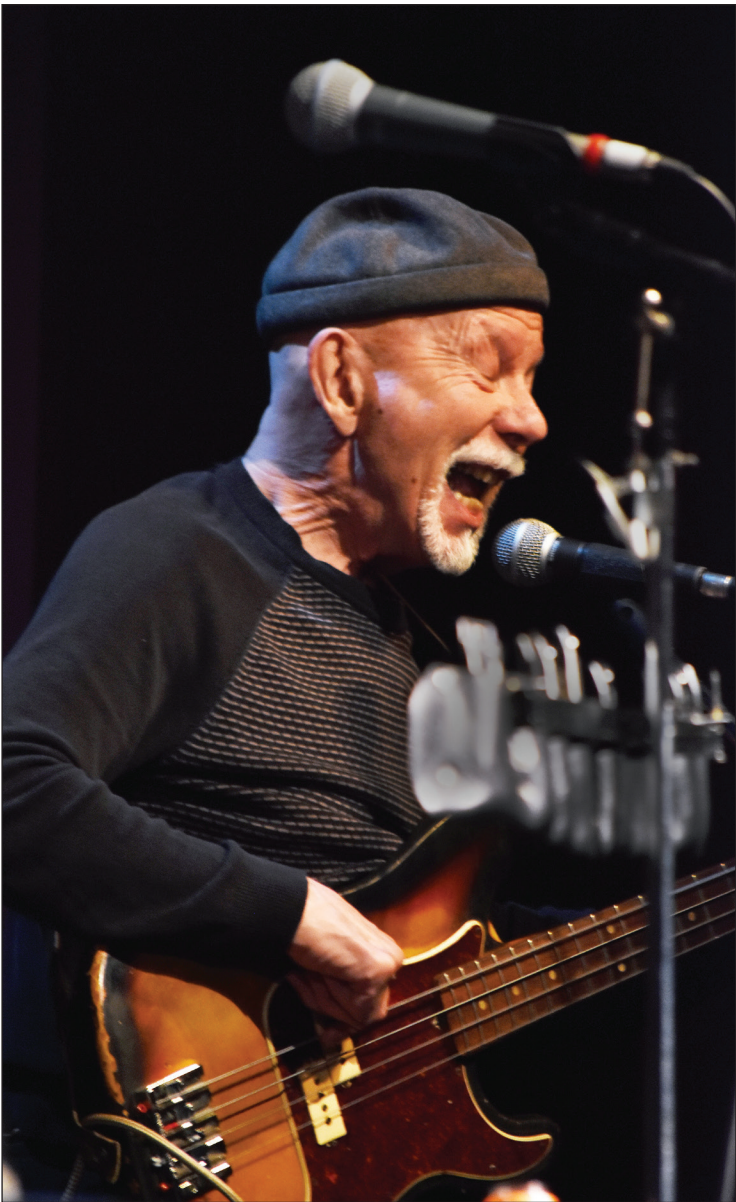
Blues notes

Singer Gord Barnes performs with the B&B Blues Band during the concert to announce the Road to Kitchener Bluesfest Youth Camp Contest at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavillion on Thursday, April 28 in Haliburton. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Road to Kitchener Bluesfest Youth Camp Contest

Organized by the Highlands Buckslide Blues Society, the contest is open to 12 to 18 year-olds in the Haliburton Highlands. Contestants need to upload a performance YouTube, no more than five minutes, and send it to [highlandsbbs@gmail.com](mailto:highlandsbbs@gmail.com). For more details, contact Rusty Rustenburg 705-464-1719.



Bass player Danny Sandford performs.



Guitar players Randy Brethour, from left, and Patrick Fockler perform with their band, the B&B Blues Band.





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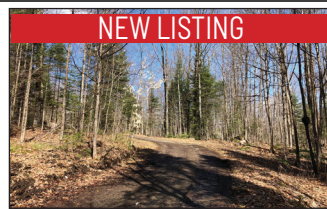


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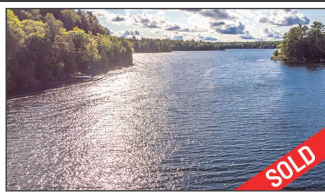


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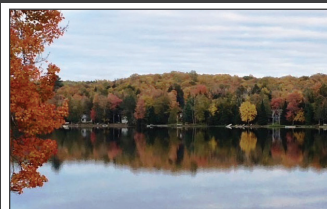
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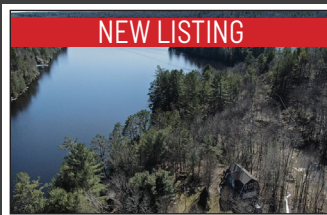


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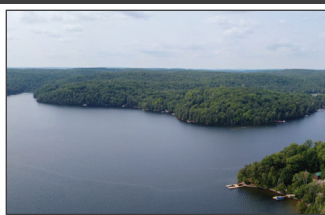


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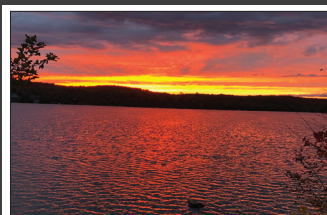
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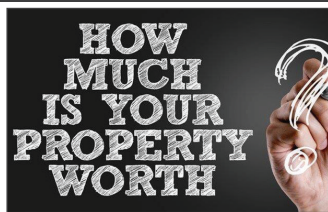
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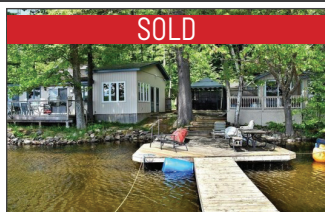


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# Delegation proposes foundation manage MH Cultural Centre

STEPHEN PETRICK

Special to the Echo

Supporters of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre are proposing a new governance model for the centre, which would have its foundation board overseeing day-to-day management instead of municipal staff.

The proposal was delivered during a delegation at the Minden Hills council meeting on April 28, held virtually, and it follows a period in which the town's handling of the centre has come under scrutiny.

The centre has been without a cura-

tor since late-February when Laurie Carmount stopped working there. City officials haven't said whether her leaving was voluntary or a dismissal, but, regardless, the news has led to renewed calls for the municipality to better manage the much-loved, taxpayer-funded centre, which is known for drawing tourists and being a source of community pride.

The centre includes the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, Minden Hills Museum and Heritage Village and Nature's Place.

While the delegation had the potential to make for a tense meeting – there's clear friction between the centre's most ardent supporters and town officials – council accepted the delegation and Minden

Hills Mayor Brent Devolin called for town staff to file a report with their thoughts on the proposal. That report would likely be delivered at council's May 26 meeting.

"What you've presented is a bit outside of the box, from my perspective and knowledge," Devolin said. "Having said that, I'm not necessarily against those sorts of things."

The delegation was led by Jack Brezina, who called the 176 Bobcaygeon Road facility a community "gem" and alluded to a history of tension over how the centre has been governed.

"Through the years the centre has not been without its troubled times, but each time, to its credit, the guiding beliefs underpinning the centre and the determination of the community and centre staff, it emerged to carry on. The most recent turmoil has prompted the reinvigoration of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre Foundation and the community, in general, to rush to the centre's defence."

The Minden Hills Cultural Centre board – currently made up of president, Neil Briggs, secretary, Susan Murray, directors, Sue Tiffin, Emily Stonehouse and (non-voting director) Mary Hamilton – has traditionally been in charge of fundraising for the centre, but not managing day-to-day operations.

Currently, the centre's management falls under the portfolio of Minden Hills Community Services director Craig Belfry, who then reports to chief administrative officer, Trisha McKibbin.

A slideshow delivered to council suggested that having the foundation oversee staff is not unique and falls within laws that dictate how museums in Ontario should be governed.

The proposed new structure would be similar to systems governing the Haliburton County Public Library or the Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre in Dysart et al.


"This model is a win-win," said Briggs in a speech that followed Brezina's talk. He said it would reduce the responsibilities of municipal staff, plus make the centre eligible for provincial and federal funding.

"We don't believe the status quo is viable," Briggs added.

The proposal seemed aimed at putting pressure on Devolin. The slideshow included a page which referenced a quote attributed to Devolin in local media, during his most recent campaign for mayor.

It quoted Devolin saying, "Minden Hills Council should re-engage many of the original stakeholders" associated with the centre and that he was "confident that collectively we can continue to grow the vision that Minden Hills Cultural Centre represents in our town."

Devolin watched the April 28 presentation calmly, with little expression. But, at the end, he said. "this has the potential for a good start and dialogue. He offered to Briggs and Brezina that "the spirit of where you want to go is not necessarily in conflict with council."



## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

### PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT TO ZONING BY-LAW 2005-120 OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

**• DATE:** TUESDAY, MAY 24th, 2022

**• TIME:** 9:40 am

**• LOCATION:** TAKE NOTICE THAT THE PUBLIC MEETING FOR ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT WILL TAKE PLACE AS AN ELECTRONIC PUBLIC MEETING ONLY

Applications:

Lands of Humphrey

- Purpose and Effect: The application will rezone the lands from Environmental Protection (EP) zone to Rural Type 1-XX (RU1-XX) exception zone and Environmental Protection (EP) Zone to accurately delineate the Environmental Protection boundary and create a developable area for single residential purpose on the subject lands. The proposed Rural Type 1-XX (RU1-XX) exception zone is to recognize the lot area and lot frontage.
- Location: 4199 Glamorgan Road, and legally described as Part Lot 25, Concession 4, In the Geographic Township of Dysart, Municipality of Dysart et al.

Lands of Holmes

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  - a two storey accessory structure of which the second story will be used for storage and a private cabin; and
  - to permit an accessory structure located on a marine facility (dock).
- Location: 1030 Winkler Road, legally described as Part Lots 4 and 5, Concession 1, Lot 78 PLAN 589, in the Geographic Township of Havelock, Municipality of Dysart et al.

Lands of Kirby

- Purpose and Effect: The application will rezone the lands from Rural Residential – 5 (RR-5) exception zone and Environmental Protection (EP) zone to Rural Residential -XX (RR-XX) exception zone and Environmental Protection (EP) zone to accurately delineate the Environmental Protection boundary and create a developable area for single residential purpose on the subject lands; and
- To include Urban Agriculture and Backyard Hen uses within the proposed Rural Residential – XX (RR-XX) exception zone.
- Location: Tattersal Road, legally described as Part Lot 25, Concession 8, Part Lot 1 Plan 19R-5745 In the Geographic Township of Dysart, Municipality of Dysart et al.

**There will not be an in-person meeting; this meeting will be conducted in an electronic format only.**

For more information about electronic meetings and public participation in an electronic meeting, contact the Municipal Clerk at [mbishop@dysartetal.ca](mailto:mbishop@dysartetal.ca).

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** about this application, including a copy of the draft by-law, is available by contacting Kris Orsan, Senior at [korsan@dysartetal.ca](mailto:korsan@dysartetal.ca).

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS MATTER INCLUDING INFORMATION ABOUT APPEAL RIGHTS:** Contact the Planning and Land Information Department during regular office hours, Monday to Friday.

**Dated** at the Township of Dysart, this 3rd day of May, 2022.

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# Provincial election candidates ready

STEPHEN PETRICK

*Special to the Echo*

It's party time!

Ontario Premier Doug Ford is expected to visit the Lieutenant Governor any day now and ask for an election to be called, meaning Ontarians will soon go to the polls to choose a new government. The expected date of the election is Thursday, June 2.

With the anticipation building, political parties are getting campaigns ready by pumping out platforms and press releases. Candidate lawn signs will start to sprinkle around the Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock electoral region, where a healthy field of candidates are expected to compete for the role as the riding's Member of Provincial Parliament; even if recent political history foretells another landslide.

The Progressive Conservative Party candidate is the long-time incumbent, Laurie Scott. Scott, a Kinmount native, is looking for her fourth consecutive victory, as she won the local vote in 2011, 2014 and 2018. She also represented the riding between 2003 and 2009.

Her 2018 victory was by the widest margin, as she earned 32,406 votes, to more than double her nearest competitor, the NDP's Zac Miller, who earned 15,142 votes.

As part of Ford's government, Scott spent part of the past term as Minister of Labour and then Minister of Infrastructure, before being demoted to a backbencher in 2021.

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock is traditionally a safe riding for provincial Conservatives. The only time the riding was held by another party this century was between 2009 and 2011 after Liberal Rick Johnson beat Progressive Conservative candidate John Tory, an outsider or "parachute" candidate, who was then leader of the party and thought he could win a by-election in the riding, as a quick method to have a seat in the Ontario Legislature.

Anything other than a landslide victory for Scott would be a surprise, but five other candidates have put their name forward to give voters some choice.

The Liberals are countering with Don McBey, who, according to his online bio, has built a career on medical, legal and community advocacy. He was recently the vice-chair of Ontario's Workplace Safety and Insurance Appeals Tribunal. In a media release, Liberal leader Steven Del Duca called McBey a "proven fighter."

McBey added, "after the last few disorienting years, our communities need a strong representative to empower our transition toward a post-pandemic recovery. I am committed to listening to your choices and challenges and advocating strongly on your behalf for better health care, schools, housing, and restored business and workplace predictability."

Barbara Doyle will represent the NDP on the ballot box. Doyle, a Lindsay native, was nominated by the party back in November. She works at the Kawartha Lakes Museum and has been involved in local health care and anti-domestic violence initiatives.

"I am committed to standing up for local families to ensure that they have the services they need. I have fought to defend local public health care and I will keep fighting to expand it so people and families in our communities get the care they need where and when they need it,"

“

*... I am committed to listening to your choices and challenges and advocating strongly on your behalf for better healthcare, schools, housing, and restored business and workplace predictability.”*

— Liberal candidate, Don McBey

she said in a statement issued at the time of her nomination.

The announcement of the local Green Party candidate may have been music to the ears of many Haliburton Highlands Secondary School graduates.

Tom Regina, who was once head of music at the high school, is up for the Greens. Regina has lived in Haliburton Highlands for more than 30 years and was a founding member of the local Green Party constituency.

An online bio posed by the party says that Regina is "concerned about the divisive political culture that stands in the way of governance for the common good" and that "electoral reform, social equity and ecological wisdom are among the Green values that motivated Tom to run as a Green candidate"

There's also a new party in the mix, the Ontario Party, and it has a local candidate, Kerstin Kelly.

An online bio for Kelly shows that she's worked in a variety of fields, including aviation and veterinary services. She and her husband operated Crooked Lake Wilderness Lodge in Norwood, until the pandemic hit. The Ontario Party is led by Derek Sloan, the former Conservative Member of Parliament for neighbouring Hastings-Lennox & Addington, whose often unpopular views – for example, he accused Canada's Chief Public Health Officer Theresa Tam of working for China – caused plenty of sensational headlines and drew scorn from local officials and those within his own party. The Ontario Party's slogan is "Freedom, Family and Faith."

Those who like none of the above-mentioned candidates have another choice.

Grant Dewar is running in the riding for the None Of The Above Party, also known as NOTA.

Dewar is described by the party as a retired farmer. NOTA's website says that "voters need tools to better control how we nominate local candidates, formulate major party policies and elect people to represent us who will have to keep their promises or be held accountable, long before the next election."

To learn more about the candidates, visit the following websites:

Laurie Scott: [hklb.ontariopc.ca](http://hklb.ontariopc.ca)

Don McBey: [donmcbey.ontarioliberal.ca](http://donmcbey.ontarioliberal.ca)

Barbara Doyle: [barbaradoyle.ontarioparty.ca/](http://barbaradoyle.ontarioparty.ca/)

Kerstin Kelly: [ontariopartyhkb.ca/](http://ontariopartyhkb.ca/)

Grant Dewar: [nota.ca/ontario/candidates/](http://nota.ca/ontario/candidates/)



## Rotary helps

The Rotary Club of Haliburton (and a few helpers) pitched in to help clean up, with its annual roadside cleanup on Saturday, April 30 in Haliburton. Rotary members Ursula Devollin, from left, Maureen O'Hara, Richard Van Nood, president Heather Phillips, Andy Glecoff, Sue Collings, Andrew Hodgson, David Zilstra, Steve Roberts, and Irv Handler, including O'Hara's grandchildren Olivia Townsend, from left at front, and Hazel Townsend, helped collect 16 bags of garbage from a stretch of three kilometres on County Road 21, located a few minutes out of Haliburton. /DAVID ZILSTRA Staff



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- 1. Orator’s podium
  - 5. UK-Netherlands gas pipeline
  - 8. Partner to “oohs”
  - 12. African antelope
  - 14. Indigenous Thai person
  - 15. Monetary unit of Angola
  - 16. Becomes less intense
  - 18. Insurance mascot
  - 19. Tech hub \_ Alto
  - 20. Actress Tomei
  - 21. Airborne (abbr.)
  - 22. Type of smart watch
  - 23. Natives
  - 26. Incompetent person
  - 30. Rare Hawaiian geese
  - 31. Unspoken relationships
  - 32. Passports and licenses are two
  - 33. Claw
  - 34. Status quo
  - 39. Mimic
  - 42. Fur-lined cloak
  - 44. Ancient foreigner
  - 46. In an angry way
  - 47. Ill-intentioned
  - 49. Monetary unit of Serbia
  - 50. S. American plant
  - 51. One or the other
  - 56. An alias for Thor
  - 57. Gratuity
  - 58. In a painful way
  - 59. French commune
  - 60. Promotional materials
  - 61. Greek city
  - 62. Assistant
  - 63. Confederate general
  - 64. Former NJ governor

- CLUES DOWN
- 1. Used by gymnasts
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  - 3. Broad volcanic crater
  - 4. Not for
  - 5. Blur
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  - 7. Acted leisurely
  - 8. About the Alps
  - 9. Gets out of bed
  - 10. Town in “The Iliad”
  - 11. Welsh given name
  - 13. Remove salt
  - 17. Calvary sword
  - 24. Mental disorder concerning body odor (abbr.)
  - 25. Keeps a house cozy
  - 26. Ballplayer’s accessory
  - 27. Southwestern Russian city
  - 28. Pro sports league
  - 29. Congress investigative body (abbr.)
  - 35. Stop standing
  - 36. Utilize
  - 37. Sign language
  - 38. Famed ESPN broadcaster Bob
  - 40. Being of central importance
  - 41. Ruin environment
  - 42. Dessert dish
  - 43. Sea eagles
  - 44. Fertilized
  - 45. Jerry’s friend Benes
  - 47. Indian river
  - 48. Pass into a specified state or condition
  - 49. Nocturnal rodent
  - 52. A way to travel
  - 53. Iron-containing compound
  - 54. Ancient Greek City
  - 55. NFL signal caller Matt

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# Retired HHSS teacher Tom Regina leads Green Party charge

Regina said he’s “green behind the ears as well as Green in the heart” to represent Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock riding

DARREN LUM  
Editor



Tom Regina has been nominated as the Green Party of Ontario's candidate for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock ahead of the 2022 provincial election. /Submitted photo

Tom Regina is bringing his local teaching experience to the political realm this coming 2022 provincial election, as he committed to represented the Green Party as its candidate for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes – Brock riding.

Regina, who has 26 years of public education experience, taught for 23 years at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, guiding students with music theory and leading groups as a music teacher. His experience gave him an insight and perspective about the full breadth of the challenges people in this riding face, including how it affects their children.

“I said in my biography that being a rural teacher for so many years gave me some insight into some of the inequities that are kind of like built into our system, the bus transportation, [and housing inequity]. There were students who could participate in things and there were students who couldn’t participate in them and it had to do with issues that their families had to deal with with regards to transportation where they could live, how they could live, how much it cost,” he said.

Regina added this area is a socio-economic depressed area, which is owed to how some of the employment is tied to hospitality and tourism and seasonal work.

He said after helping with the political campaign for the Green Party in the last federal election his decision to run was an “evolution” of his political engagement.

“It just seemed like it was something that I could do. And of course, we tried to find good candidates – and there’s lots of people, who could be good candidates – but they’re young and they have families, or, you know, they work, or that they’ve got are businesses. I put my name forward and that’s the result and now my name is up there,” he said, noting his surprise at his nomination.

With Karen Hillis, Regina helped to establish a local Electoral District Association (EDA) for the Green Party of Canada for the Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock riding in the spring of 2021. An EDA is a sanctioned administrative organization that facilitates party and community building activities at the riding level. Essentially, they assist candidates throughout the election process, and then, once elections are over, ensure their party maintains a presence in the community. From a press release from the Green Party, “Regina is a strong advocate for arts education and community building through arts participation. He is a founding member of two community choirs, a local music festival for students of all ages, and the Highlands Summer Festival, which provides theatre experience for community members in a semi-professional setting.”

He believes every riding has voters that want to vote for the Green Party and need a candidate to be able to do that.

“That’s what started me to get involved behind the scenes. I wanted to grow the idea that we could have local candidates from within the riding,” he said.

The Green Party leader Mike Schreiner offered his support to the long-time teacher and Highlands resident of three decades.

“Tom is a long-time resident and member of the region and understands the key challenges facing the area,” said Ontario Greens Leader Mike Schreiner from a prepared statement. “He gets it. He’s a strong community builder and will be an authentic and real voice for his neighbours at Queen’s Park.”

As far as goals go, Regina said winning the riding isn’t completely out of the realm of possibility.

“What I like to say is the electorate from this riding has returned some pretty surprising results and I believe that they can do it again. And nobody knows that more than the incumbent,” he said, referring to when MPP Laurie Scott made way for John Tory, who lost in the election in 2009.

Another politically surprising example was when Ontario’s Premiere David Peterson lost to the NDP’s Bob Rae in 2009.

Regina said the Green Party represents change.

“It’s time to do things differently. The Greens want to see more consensus. They want to see more people at the table. They want to hear more voices. They want more people to be involved. Like more of a participatory democracy. And, so a vote for the Green Party says ... I don’t want to be miscounted. People have talked about strategic voting and what that does is it makes people not vote for what they believe in and then analytically afterwards you get a skewed idea of what the population out there really wants, or is really looking for,” he said.

Regina’s idea of success does not have to do with gaining power, but to achieve “consensus and governance.”

“What I want to achieve is a higher profile for the Green values that would become part of the various municipal governments and part of our provincial government with respect to making decisions based on land and land use, with what’s good for the land. Making decisions what’s good for people in general,” he said. “So, I can’t say that have a specific issue for part of the riding, but certainly if I found myself in that position, I would be doing a lot of listening and a lot of advocating.”

With files from the Echo archives



# Library's programming offers 'something for everybody'

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

Andrea Brown said she aims to be a community builder, and she's off to a great start.

Brown joined the Haliburton County Public Library as programming and outreach co-ordinator in late October last year, and immediately set to work making connections in the community.

"I think through programming we can reach out to connect people, which is always important, but especially now that many people have been disconnected for the last two years," she said. "It's a way to bring people together to learn – whatever life stage they're at, whether they're little kids or teens or elderly people – the library through our programming can offer something for everybody. And we have the space and the expertise to support all of that learning."

Brown went to Trent University and found herself immersed in jobs working toward community development during the summer. While she moved west and joined the Vancouver Public Library, she said she's excited to be back home in Ontario getting the word out about community happenings, bringing people into the library in different ways, and collaborating with the community as much as possible.

Last Christmas, the HCPL worked with the Central Food Network to open the Cardiff branch on a normally closed day to help with their toy distribution drive. Through the EarlyON Child and Family Centre, the library offered outdoor space for programming during last winter's provincial lockdown, and also helps distribute early learning activity packs from EarlyON, with funding from United Way, to kids in the community.

"I try to reach out to lots of people," said Brown. "That's what the library is for, it's a community hub where people can come to learn and share, and we can leverage our space."

Besides distributing kits for kids, the library also distributes kits for teens, through a partnership with Point in Time. Those swag bags have information about different youth programs and services offered, as well as a notebook, chapstick, or juice boxes and granola bars. Brown said it's a generous offering from the Youth Hub, and works well at the library where teens sometimes visit on social outings.

Brown said more individuals and groups are taking advantage of the library as a hub.

In Cardiff, one library patron wants to facilitate a Cardiff crafters drop-in, and a book club.

"Cardiff is a really small community, but this is a designated day and time once a month where folks from the area can come in and bring their knitting or their crocheting project or their sewing, and just connect with people who live in their community, chat and get to know each other as well," said Brown. "It's a chance for people to connect, really, interact and learn from each other about life experiences."

Another community partnership the HCPL has made is with the John Howard Society and Fleming Crew. Staff from there will be offering patrons in outlying branches where transportation can be a barrier information on academic upgrading and pre-employment skills and helping with literacy skills or



Andrea Brown, who joined the Haliburton County Public Library as programming and outreach co-ordinator last October, is collaborating with community groups to bring events, activities and workshops to the library as it re-opens to in-person programming. /Photo submitted

**“We really are trying to partner with all of the people throughout our communities.”**

— Andrea Brown, programming and outreach co-ordinator

help with proofreading a cover letter.

"It's bringing the services that are offered by those groups into the more rural areas," said Brown. "We're hoping it goes well, we're hoping we see people who come into the library that don't normally come in. The library has free wi-fi and public computers as well as free books and movies and things like that. Hopefully it will benefit the library by inviting patrons in who maybe don't use the library regularly already, but then it allows opportunities to meet in a safe, comfortable, public space, much closer to where people are maybe living."

Partnerships have also been formed and programming is taking place with groups including the Haliburton County Master Gardeners, the University of Guelph, the Turtle Guardians, Children's Water Festival and Green Burial Society, local artists and genealogist Adele Espina offering workshops, information sessions or kits and supplies for library patrons.

Brown said community members and groups are invited to come and hold public presentations about the knowledge or passion they have on a topic, everything from filing taxes, to using a

compass.

"We really are trying to partner with all of the people throughout our communities," said Brown. "There's so much local knowledge and expertise that people have, we'd be happy for them to come to the library and share that with everyone. It could be anything – if you have an interest, something you know about and you're willing to share your time, we'd be happy to set that up."

"You certainly have been busy and it sounds like you've made some great partnerships already," said Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts to Brown at the last library board meeting. "A library is a community hub, we don't just operate all by ourselves, so I just love this

collaborative effort and things you're doing."

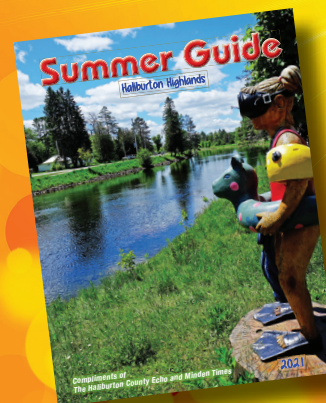
"We just want to share information and resources," Brown told the *Echo*. "The library is a place for everyone. Everyone's welcome, there's something here for everyone."

Further information about upcoming programming is available at [haliburtonlibrary.ca](http://haliburtonlibrary.ca) or through the HCPL social media channels.

To get in touch with Brown, email [programs@haliburtonlibrary.ca](mailto:programs@haliburtonlibrary.ca).

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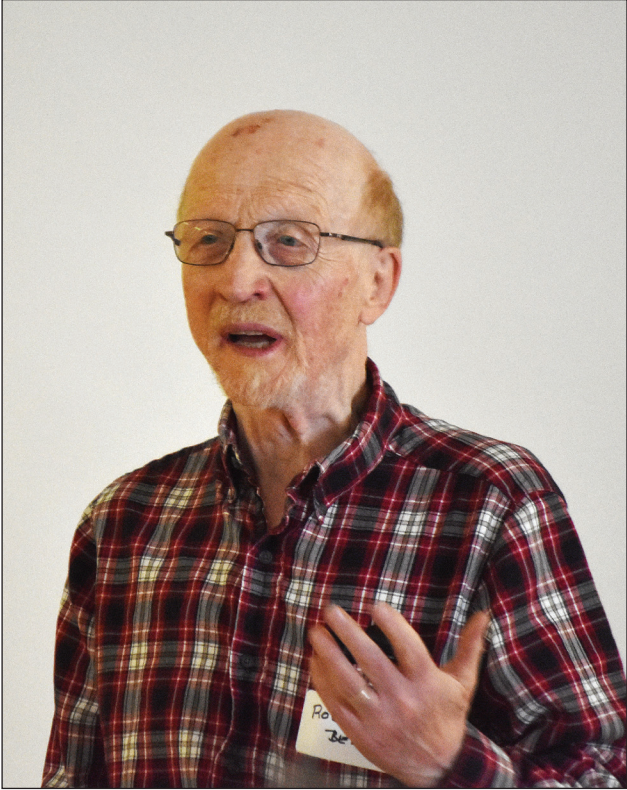
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Season gets rolling

The Haliburton Real Easy Ryders (HRER) club welcomes newcomers and members at their Let's Get Rolling Social on Sunday May 1 at the Stanhope Firefighters Hall to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the club and to kick off their first full season of bicycle riding since the start of the pandemic. Vice president of HRER, LeeAnn Cruze, said that approximately 80 people were in attendance at the social. The club currently has 78 paid members, which is expected to rise after the success of the Social event. There are 76 rides planned for the year throughout the county ranging in distance and difficulty. Annual membership fees are \$40, and more information can be found at [www.haliburtonrealeasyryders.com](http://www.haliburtonrealeasyryders.com).



President Robin Bell addresses the crowd at the Haliburton Real Easy Ryders' Let's Get Rolling Social.



The Haliburton Real Easy Ryders' Let's Get Rolling Social drew a large crowd.



Phil Meades sports his electric bicycle.

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**Doris Edith LaPorte (nee Lewis)**  
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On a beautiful Sunday morning, April 24, 2022, with family at her side, Doris passed away peacefully at Extendicare in Haliburton in her 85th year. Born on December 14, 1937, Doris was the daughter of the late Ruby and Gordon Lewis. Beloved wife and best friend of 50 years to the love of her life, the late Frank LaPorte (2004). Loving Mother of Larry (Sheila), Blake (Nicole), and Rhonda Shaw (Barry). Predeceased by her daughter-in-law Sherry (2010). Proud Grandmother of five grandchildren, Jenny Moore (Darryl), Aaron LaPorte (Nicole), Josh Shaw (Amy), Meghan Kelsh (Tyler), and Alexandre LaPorte and 9 great-grandchildren. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by sisters Mae Cooper and Millie Dawe. Doris is survived by her brothers-in-law, Ed LaPorte and Howard Higgins, and sisters-in-law Barb Nesbitt, Audress LaPorte, Caroline LaPorte, and Marilyn LaPorte. Predeceased by brothers-in-law Don LaPorte, Dave LaPorte, and Jim LaPorte, Ray Cooper, Mel Dawe and sisters-in-law Doris Winter, Clara Higgins, Hilda LaPorte and Diane Smith. Doris loved spending time with her family the most and was an active member of the West Guilford Baptist Church. She loved camping, country music dances and shows, watching hockey games, and greeting people at the West Guilford Shopping Centre, where she worked for many years. Doris's family would like to thank all the staff who cared so lovingly for her at Extendicare, Haliburton.

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**Diane Pratt (nee Sutherland)**


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Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 on Wednesday, May 4, 2022 from 11:00 am until the time of Service to Celebrate Diane's Life at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow at the Monk-Cray Family Centre at the funeral home. Interment at the Minden Cemetery. The family has requested that all attendees wear facial coverings at the visitation, funeral service and reception.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Service Foundation (HHHSF-Hyland Crest Residents Council) would be appreciated by the family.

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## HOCKEY

# Duchene nominated rookie of the year

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff reporter

It's the perfect end to a wonderful beginning.

Haliburton native Matt Duchene is one of three finalists nominated for the 2009-10 Calder Memorial Trophy for the NHL's top rookie of the year.

Voted by members of the Professional Hockey Writers' Association, the nominees were announced on April 22, shortly after noon.

A centre for the Colorado Avalanche, Duchene was drafted third in the 2009 entry draft.

He's is up against Tyler Myers of Buffalo and Jimmy Howard of Detroit.

"It's a pretty big honour," said Duchene of the nomination. "Coming in this year it's something that I kind of had at the back of my head. If I had a good year that I could maybe win that trophy or at least be nominated."

The announcement was made just

See **Playoffs** page 22



## Earth Day Yoga

Yoga enthusiasts took part in a special Earth Day class at Blue Sky yoga studio on April 24. The class was open to all and admission was by donation only, with proceeds going towards the Food for Kids program. Participants raised a total of \$225 for the food program. Photo by Angelica Blenich.

## HEALTH SERVICES

# CT scanner makes doctors' wish list

JENN WATT

Editor

It is time for Haliburton to think seriously about buying a CT scan machine for the county, the medical advisory committee decided at its meeting last week and recommended the health services board undertake a feasibility study.

In recent months, between 70 and 80 per cent of patients transferred from Haliburton or Minden hospitals have been taken out of the county for scans with the specialized X-ray machine.

"That's taking nurses out of the facility, it's taking ambulances out of the county, it's bringing in nurses for overtime to cover the nurses who have left and it's delaying patient care in some cases just because of the time," said Dr. Steve Ferracuti, chief of staff to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board Thursday afternoon.

"We think from a clinical perspective it would be enormously beneficial for residents of the county. We believe that there will be a good business case for this as well," he said.

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Surrounded by trees and lakes this well-kept home is quiet and private yet minutes to Gooderham with Haliburton and Bancroft nearby. 3 Bdrm, 1 Bth and fully winterized, this bungalow has lots of closet space, a finished basement with rec-room providing a walkout to the nice-sized yard where with plenty of space for pets, children, and all your guests.



**COZY ON KOSHLONG LAKE \$1,199,900**

Located on one of Haliburton's most sought after lakes is this west facing lot with 400 ft of water frontage on Koshlong Lake. Enter the stone gates to the large, level area with a small 1.5 storey cabin dubbed the Sugar Shack. The sloping path takes you down to the stunning and level waterfront area, a perfect place to spend your days. If you have been waiting for that special place to build on Koshlong Lake, look no further!



**SUNSETS ON SOUTH LAKE \$1,295,000**

Beautifully designed by Ballantry Homes, this 4 Bdrm, 3 Bth condo home/cottage is situated on a quiet, private road surrounded by mature trees with lush gardens and ready to go. Enjoy lakefront living in the summer at your river-rock and sandy shoreline for summer swims and make the most of winter snowshoeing or snowmobiling along the numerous trails all around you.



**GREAT ON GOODERHAM LK \$1,850,000**

Get ready to lose yourself in this gorgeous lakefront home that just keeps going and going. Architecturally designed, and expanded over the years, this house feels as much like an executive home as it does a family ranch. Boasting over 4000 sq.ft. of living space, 204 ft. frontage and a 43'x 20' workshop, the only way to truly describe this unique gem is to book a showing and see it for yourself.

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